

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) An anode for a nonaqueous secondary battery comprising a pair of current collecting surface layers of which the surfaces are adapted to be brought into contact with an electrolytic solution and at least one active material layer interposed between the surface layers,

the active material layer containing particles of an active material having high capability of forming a lithium compound,

the current collecting surface layer comprising a metallic material having low capability of forming a lithium compound,

the metallic material being present over the whole thickness of the active material layer, and

interstice between individual active material particles in the active material layer leaving voids.

2. (currently amended) The anode for a nonaqueous secondary battery according to claim 1, wherein the metallic material making up the surfaces that is present over the whole thickness of the active material layer [[to]] electrically

~~connect~~ connects the two surfaces so that the anode has a current collecting function as a whole.

3. (original) The anode for a nonaqueous secondary battery according to claim 1, wherein the surface layers each have a thickness of 0.3 to 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .

4. (canceled)

5. (original) The anode for a nonaqueous secondary battery according to claim 1, wherein the surface layers each comprise copper, nickel, iron, cobalt or an alloy of these metals.

6. (original) The anode for a nonaqueous secondary battery according to claim 1, wherein the surface layers are layers formed by electroplating.

7-26. (canceled)